

The Dead Horse

April 2012



DISPATCH

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park

Welcome
to
DHRSP



*Barb Penny,
always with a smile.*

Flag Pole!

5 Park Volunteers and 4 Park Rangers have been working ('our butts off') on a flagpole circle in the River Day Use area.



Volunteers: Jim Harris, Chuck Castle, Emerson Trushel, Carl Hartman



Chuck Castle, praying we get this job done right!

*Pictures, quote above, and captions
submitted by Carl Hartman*

Here are all the names of those who have worked on the Flag Pole project.

Rangers: Margie Sanchez, Max Castillo, Justin Swiger, Tony Viotti.

Volunteers: Jim Harris, Emerson Trushel, Chuck Castle, Bill Birtwell, Carl Hartman, Jake Pratt

Verde Valley
ARIZONA'S



1912 - 2012
Birding & Nature Festival

**April 26-29: Verde Valley
Birding & Nature Festival
(Official AZ Centennial Event)**

The Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival provides a unique recreational experience to anyone interested in the natural world and fosters awareness of the importance of habitat for the enrichment of all life in the Verde Valley. The diverse terrain of the Verde River Valley provides a wide variety of habitats for wildlife and nature adventures. Join us and bird the Verde! Learn more at <http://birdyverde.org>

*Article by AZ State Parks web page
<http://azstateparks.com/Parks/DEHO/index.html>*



Kevin Ward & Pat Rhodes. No one know's tree surgery like these two.



Max Castillo having classes with Margie Sanchez on how to run the new Kubota Back Hoe



Margie Sanchez says to Jim Harris (standing), "see Jim I learn fast."



DHRSP Volunteers in Action!!

Joan Gray, (left) with Janet & Bill Burtwell, at our Raven Loop flower garden. Joan has donated flowers for many years and these three sure did a bang up job at the Raven Loop on the garden this year.

Joan Gray & Karen Trushel from Cabins. More flower garden work, this time at the front entrance office.



Thank
you
for
the
flowers
Joan
Gray



Volunteers in Action cont.



Emerson Trushel, from Mesquite Cabin's, There is nothing he don't know about hanging overhead garage doors.



*Excuses for cuddling up? Art & Patricia Enockson trying to keep warm.
"Can you count the snow flakes,?" Carl Hartman asks.*

*Pictures and captions of Volunteers in Action
submitted by Carl Hartman*

Lime Kiln Trail Wins Award!



The votes are in! The Lime Kiln Trail connecting Dead Horse Ranch State Park and Red Rock State Park won the 2012 Critic's Choice Award for Best Bike Ride!

For the sixth year, AZCentral.com experts have picked their favorite people, places, businesses, and things to do!

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Horseshoe Tournament!



Art Enockson shows his near-ballet-like form which helped him garner a victor in the horseshoe tournament.



Hall Stoddard waits to see if his throw will hang on to that pesky stake in the middle of the horseshoe pit. In this case, it didn't.

Hall Stoddard and Art Enockson were the winners of the March horseshoe tournament.

Jim Harris and Carl Hartman were the runners-up.

*Pictures & captions
submitted by
Nan Hephner*



Left to right, Art Enockson and Hall Stoddard competing against Carl Hartman and Jim Harris in the semi-finals.

DHRSP Comments & Gossip!!

2-26-2012 Very, Very, good job on the News Letter as always. Everything looks good except I'm not a Host, I am in Maintenance. Thank you much, Carl Hartman

3-3-2012 Bill & Su Cain sent in their new email address: bilsucain@gmail.com. Ranger Eric Buzonas commented on it... Bill - **Bilsucain** sounds like an anti-itch cream. Are you sure you want to use that?

Bilsucain!
If you want to abstain,
from rash or pain,
Try Bilsucain!

Ranger Eric Buzonas' sister, Nancy, and Ranger Randy moved into a new house together on February 29th, (now known as "Leap-of-Faith-Day" by Nancy). Nancy was quoted as saying, "This was the worst, least organized move I've ever done. The house still needs some finish work. Like tiling, a stove, dishwasher, dryer, and more."

The worst thing was the lack of blinds - although it's hard to say if it was worse for Nancy & Randy or the neighbors! Still no word on when the couple will tie the knot ... although Randy is reportedly excitedly waiting for the day when he is Eric's brother-in-law. Apparently, the Park volunteers can hardly wait, either. "It'll be a memorable day for DHRSP," Randy told a volunteer. "A day that no one will ever forget, no matter how hard they try!"



Volunteer News Comings & Goings of DHRSP

Comings:

Goings:

4/1 Jim Harris & Maryan Pharo
Carl Hartman, Quail 42, going sometime in April, back to Wisconsin North Woods

Dates to Remember

Volunteer Meeting Dates will be posted on the Volunteer Schedule, in the office.

The lagoons are stocked every two weeks

Every Saturday @ noon, Mountain Bike Basics

Every Sunday @ 9am, Nature Walks

4/26-29 Verde Valley Bird & Nature Festival

Need volunteers to sign up for the kids day on Saturday the 28th. Sign up sheet is in the office.

April MileStones

3-Ruby Stolze	13-Tom Sanor
3-Judy Schmidt	15-Brenda Mullins
4-Joan Gray	17-Bruce Williamson
6-Emerson Trushel	20-Anne Howe
9-Roy & Judy Farmer (1960)	20-John Pauly
10-Toni Mann	21-Shirley Oltmanns
10-Penny Andress	27-Russ Jones
11-Bill & Anne Zeller	

Nature Walks will take place Sunday mornings at 9am on April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May, and last for 1-2 hours. The guided hikes will meander along riparian areas or stroll through the high desert trails within the park. Hikers need to bring plenty of water, sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing; sturdy shoes, and a hat. **Ranger Margie Sanchez** said, "You might want to bring binoculars and a camera, too. These hikes are a great opportunity for wildlife sightings and photo ops." Most hikes start at the Quail Loop Campground - inquire at the gate for starting points. For more information, call DHRSP at 928-634-5283. You can also email Ranger Sanchez: msanchez@azstateparks.gov with questions. The Day use fee of \$7.00 applies, or Annual Passes are accepted.

"Mountain Bike Basics will take place every **Saturday at Noon April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, and go until 4pm**, or when everyone gets tired," states Ranger Victory. "These will be beginner trail rides on the dirt, with a little instruction on the pavement." The **cost is \$5.00 per rider and regular entrance fees to the park will apply**. Annual Passes will also be honored. Riders are **REQUIRED** to wear a helmet and complete an acknowledgment of risk form (parents must sign for riders under 18 years old). They should also bring water, **make sure their bike is in good working order**, riding gloves and puncture protection such as Slime or Tuffy liners are **strongly** recommended. The rides will start at the Raptor Trailhead at the top of Roadrunner Road - ask for directions at the Ranger Station. For more information, call Ranger Randy at 928-301-1190. You can also email rvictory@azstateparks.gov with any questions.